

HIGHLIGHTS OF CM/ECF VERSION 3.1

PACER Login:

- The login screen has been changed.
- If you have a CM/ECF account and have designated a default PACER account, logging in to CM/ECF causes the PACER login process to happen automatically; you do not expect to be asked for a PACER login when running a billable report. However, if the client code has been mandatory for the default PACER account, the automatic login to PACER will not occur without a client code; if you have not typed a client code on the CM/ECF login screen, the PACER login screen will be displayed when you run a report.

Case Opening (Voluntary BK):

- The statistics screen has changed:
 - there is a new summary of schedules screen that collects data from the summary of schedules
 - the item "Prior filing within last 8 years" has been added
 - two new check boxes appear for a Chapter 11 case - "A plan is being filed with this - petition" and "Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition".
 - a "Nature of Business" label has been added above the list of business types; an "Other" business type has been added; the "Nonprofit Organization" check box has been renamed "Tax-Exempt Entity"
 - new defaults and cross-checks have been added to ensure the consistency of data, for example, the choices and the default value for Asset Notice are appropriate for the chapter

Case Opening (Adversary Proceeding):

- A "Role in Bankruptcy Case" item now appears on the screen for parties in the adversary.
- The statistics screen has new items: the y/n item "State Law" and 3rd/4th/5th natures of suit.

Case Upload:

- If you intend to use this feature, please contact your software provider to be sure your updates are compatible with CM/ECF in this court.
- The format of the statistics record has changed to include the new fields required by the Bankruptcy Reform Act (see Opening a Case, above); additional edit checks are now being made. Details can be obtained from the PACER Service Center at http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/cmecf/developer/case_upload.html.

Creditor Processing:

- Creditor Maintenance/ Upload a Creditor Matrix File, additional checks are now made to prevent bad data - each line must begin with a letter, digit or one of these characters: # % & @

Docketing:

- Trustee's 341 Filings: only active trustees can make entries.
- Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF)
 - Previously, any recipient of an NEF was allowed one view of referenced documents without PACER charges. Now, only participants in the case (parties and attorneys) are given a "free look" while other will be charged.
 - The NEF is now sent even when the production of notices is interrupted. Although the NEFs to be emailed are produced before notices, you do not see the displayed NEF until after notice production.
 - Interested parties receiving email are now listed on the NEF (and in the "Mailing Information for a Case" utility) only if they are also regular parties in the case.

Notices:

- The correct return address for the debtor/plaintiff attorney now appears in all notices.

Utilities:

- Maintain Your ECF Account: you may no longer change your login name.
- Court Information
 - This new utility provides some general information such as the maximum size of PDF files and the court's phone number; there is an option to "View as XML" (the XML data is in order by the tag name, which is a different order than the displayed HTML). A link for this utility also appears on the CM/ECF "Welcome" page.